



UNESCO at the
World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

Towards Knowledge Societies

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UNESCO EVENT

TITLE	Education and Knowledge Societies
TYPE	ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
DATE	11 December 2003
TIME	9:30 – 13:00
PLACE	Geneva Palexpo, Conference Center, Room C
ORGANIZER	UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)
PARTNERS	Club of Rome (CoR) International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE) International Association of Universities (IAU) University of Mauritius, Virtual Centre for Innovative Learning Technologies (VCILT) and Lifelong Learning Cluster (LLC) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) NGO–UNESCO Liaison Committee

The event aims at attracting the attention of the Summit Stakeholders to the significance of education in the construction of knowledge societies and tasks of education in knowledge societies. Recent undertakings in the field of ICTs being a vehicle to develop Education for All, as well as cooperative efforts of UNESCO and NGOs building up education for and in knowledge societies will be reviewed.

The participants in the Round Table discussion (decision-makers and policy-makers in education, representatives of UN agencies and NGOs, educators, scientists and students) are invited to identify principles and recommendations, which can help the world community meet the challenges of knowledge societies.



AGENDA

9:30 Opening of the Round Table "Education and Knowledge Societies"

Mr John DANIEL, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO

Mr Vladimir KINELEV, Director, UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)

Chairman of the Round Table:

Prof. Bernard CORNU (France), Director, La Villa Media – the European Residence for Educational Multimedia; Vice-Chairman of the IITE Governing Board

9:40 SESSION I: Education FOR Knowledge Societies: Trends, Challenges and Policies

Moderator:

Prof. Bernard CORNU

Speakers:

Mr Valdas ADAMKUS (Lithuania), UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for the Construction of Knowledge Societies; Former President of the Republic of Lithuania

Dr Yu WEI (China), Director, Research Center of Learning Sciences, Southeast University; Vice President of China Association of Science and Technology; Former Vice President of All China Women's Federation; Former Vice-Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China

Prof. Raoul WEILER (Belgium), Professor, University of Leuven; Member of the Executive Committee (International) of the Club of Rome (CoR)

10:35 SESSION II: Education IN Knowledge Societies: Strategies, Tools, Teaching and Learning

(During the session: video link with the International Conference on Open and Online Learning (ICOOL) organized under UNESCO's sponsorship in Mauritius)

Moderator:

Prof. Raymond MOREL (Switzerland), Director, Geneva Educational Technology Centre (CPTIC)

Speakers:

Prof. Klaus BRUNNSTEIN (Germany), President of the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP)

Prof. Bernard LOING (France), Intergovernmental Liaison Officer and General Delegate of the International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE) at UNESCO

Drs. Tom J. van WEERT (the Netherlands), Chair "ICT and Higher Education", Professional University of Utrecht

Dr Claudine LANGLOIS, Director, International Association of Universities (IAU)/UNESCO Information Centre on Higher Education

Prof. Alain SENTENI (Mauritius), Director, Virtual Centre for Innovative Learning Technologies (VCILT), University of Mauritius (via video link)

Dr Sally M. JOHNSTONE (USA), Executive Director, Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications (WCET), Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) (via video link)

11:50 SESSION III: UNESCO as a Key Actor in the Development of Education for and in Knowledge Societies

Moderator:

Prof. Peter BOLLERSLEV (Denmark), Director and Editor-in-Chief at SAXO Publishers

Speakers:

Mr Blagovest SENDOV (Bulgaria), Ambassador of Bulgaria to Japan; Former President of the Parliament of the Republic of Bulgaria

Dr Anton MANGSTL, Director, Library and Documentation Systems Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Dr Stephen RUDGARD, Chief, WAICENT Outreach, Library and Documentation Systems Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Mrs Monique FOUILHOUX, President of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee, President of the International NGOs Conference

Discussion and adoption of the final document

13:00 End of the Round Table

